

INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION HANDLING COMMITTEE
of the
UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

IHC-M-52
29 December 1972

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Minutes of the Fifty-Second Meeting, 13 December 1972

Members or Representatives Present

Chairman - [redacted] DCI/IC (M)
CIA - Mr. Charles A. Briggs (M)
State - Mr. William P. Deary (M)
DIA - [redacted] (M)
NSA - [redacted]
AEC - Mr. Kirby A. Gean (M)
Army - Col. Patrick A. Ulmen (M)
Navy - Mr. Edward L. Barker (A)
Air Force - Col. William P. Olsen (M)
Secretary - [redacted] IHC/SS

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Others Present

CIA - [redacted]
DIA - [redacted]
State - Mrs. Joanne M. Jenkins
- Mr. Donald W. Stigers
Army - Maj. John C. Karp, Jr.
Air Force - Mr. William F. Schulze (A)
IHC/SS - [redacted]

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DIA/Services Problems with Multi-Level Security

1. [redacted] discussed specific problems the services and DIA were having with present ADP security regulations (copies of an outline of his seven major points were distributed to the members at the meeting). Mr. Gean explained that AEC data is covered also by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 which defines Restricted Data and specifies penalties for disclosure, even inadvertant disclosure and that the present DCID 1/16 (Security of Compartmented Computer

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Operations) excludes RD material. He said that the AEC position is not that RD cannot be put into on-line systems but that the Act must be conformed to. He added that he believes no present Operating System would conform to the requirements of the Act, but that each holder of RD would have to make the judgment of security protection with respect to his own system. He suggested that the legal counsel in each agency be consulted in each case to assure conformity to the legal requirements. In the discussion of these points, Mr. Briggs pointed out that the Community should look for a "reasonable risk" in multi-level security, and that "no solution" to the problem was not an acceptable answer. [redacted] thought that interim solutions were more likely in specific cases, rather than as a general rule, and that "evolutionary" solutions were the practical answer. The Chairman stated that while ADP networks did establish a whole new world of relationships with foreign services, and with contractors, this factor should not be allowed to complicate and delay arriving at a solution to the multi-level security problem within the U. S. Intelligence Community; therefore, the multi-level security problem with ADP network interfaces external to the U. S. Intelligence Community should be deferred at this time.

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2. Col. Ulmen discussed four recommended changes to DCID 1/16 (copies were distributed to the members at the meeting), the purpose of which was to provide a better interpretation of DCID 1/16 for achieving multi-level security and, therefore, afford interim solutions until such time in the future (two to four years) as effective hardware and software improvements could permanently solve the problem. After discussions of these recommendations for changes to DCID 1/16, which had been coordinated and agreed upon by the DIA, Army, Navy, and Air Force members, the Chairman said he would discuss this paper with [redacted] who is responsible for rewriting all of the DCIDs. He would then discuss these changes with [redacted] of the CSS/SECOM.

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Approval of Minutes

3. The minutes of the 51st meeting (IHC-M-51) were approved.

Briefing by the Executive Secretary

4. [redacted] briefed the Committee on the status of the ASD/I [redacted] Evaluation of COINS. The Review Group is making progress but is slightly

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behind schedule. The due date for their report is 1 February 1973. He also briefed the Committee on the status of the upgrading of COINS to T-KH which is being worked on by the CSS/SECOM of the USIB. The CSS/SECOM is continuing to review the DIA proposal to upgrade the entire network and is meeting in executive session on 5 January 1973 to discuss an alternate NSA proposal for achieving the upgrading of the COINS to the T-KH level.

Publication of the Armed Services Grade Standard

5. [] reported that the first USIB Data Standard, Armed Services Grade, having received final approvals since the last meeting, will now be published with a USIB cover and distributed to non-DoD members. It had been distributed to DoD members as a DoD standard (DIAM 65-14) on 20 November. [] traced the long history of this standard, which originated in the IHC of the USIB, and thanked [] and [] of DIA DS-5, whose organization developed this standard. Copies of the Chairman's letter to the Director of DIA, appointing DIA as the maintenance agent for this standard, were distributed to the members. 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1

Executive Session

Proposed Visits by the IHC

6. [] briefed the members on proposed visits/ briefings of the Committee which would be accomplished in the next six months. Copies of the suggested schedule were previously circulated to the members. The Chairman decided to move the briefing at NOSIC to Wednesday, 17 January, and move the IHC meeting back to Wednesday, 24 January 1973 and defer actions on the May/June 1973 trips at this time. 25X1

Proposed Security "Primer" Document

7. The Chairman circulated copies of a proposal from the Executive Secretary (IHC-MM-366) to develop a security handbook or "primer," which would aid the community in the ADP security area problem in the near future. The Chairman asked the Committee members to study the proposal and give him their reactions about the merits of such a proposal.

Next Meeting

8. The next IHC meeting will be held at CIA Headquarters, Room 7D64, on Wednesday, 24 January 1973, at which time the DIA will brief the IHC on the results of the DIAOLS security test.

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